

NIAGARA.

July 12th, Sunday, was celebrated at St. Luke's church, with unusual British loyalty. The church was filled with the fragrance of some roses, or which there was a fine display of perpetual hyacinths. The walls and arches were appropriated to numerous Jubilee flags and other suitable devices. A new chromo lithographic portrait of the Queen was the admiration of all. The hearty singing of hymns and anthems by the choir and congregation, the soul-stirring patriotic preaching or sermons by the rector, morning and evening, which drew large congregations, as well as the liberal response to our beloved Bishop's appeal on behalf of the Widows' and Orphans' fund, all bespoke a people's loyalty and devotion to their beloved Queen and Imperial Sovereign of the British Empire.

HURON.

MAURICE S. BALDWIN, D.D., OF LONDON.

Brussels. A vast assemblage of people gathered here on July 12th for the Orange celebration, and were addressed by some well-known Churchmen, as Rev. Mr. Lowe, of Wingham, Dr. Frebourn, of Clinton, etc., and by clergy of other churches.

Crosshill. A very enjoyable garden party was held here on June 25th. The programme included addresses by Rev. Rural Dean Deacon, Mr. Thos. Magwood, M.P.P., Mr. Rabbaermal, etc. Proceeds about \$30.

Millbank. This district of the Loyal Orange Association meets annually at Millbank, on the Sunday preceding the 12th July, to attend the English Church services. The rector, Rev. J. G. A. Wright, addressed them this year from the 1st verse of the 101st Psalm. The garden party, held annually by this church on July 1st, realized this year about \$113. On July 18th Rev. James Ward, of Hayesville, will preach here and administer Holy Communion, and on July 25th, Rev. S. R. Asbury, of Atwood, will preach.

Milverton. Mr. James Miller, of Trinity College, Toronto, has charge of this congregation for the summer, and is giving both morning and evening services, which are well attended. On July 18th he exchanges with Rev. S. R. Asbury, who will administer Communion at the Milverton church.

Comber. On 20th June Rev. Prof. Burgess, of London, preached here and administered the Holy Communion to over 50 communicants. The officers and teachers of the Sunday school recently presented Mr. Dainty with an address and Farrar's "Life of St. Paul" (12 vols.). This was a merited recognition of his faithful work as teacher of the young men's Bible class. The "Gleaners' Union" is rapidly spreading missionary zeal. About fifty missionary boxes are in use. They are called in once every quarter, and the proceeds of last quarter were \$20. The boxes, after being emptied, are re-labelled and sent out again. The rector, Rev. T. B. R. Westgate, preached two special sermons to Orangemen on the first two Sundays in July. He addressed some 500 people in a grove at Staples on July 4th, the offertory on that occasion being taken up for foreign missions, and he addressed an equally large gathering in St. Paul's church, Mersea, on July 11th, this offertory being devoted to the purchase of a communion set for the church. On July 18th Mr. Westgate goes to Detroit to exchange with Rev. Mr. Collins, who comes to address the Independent Order of Foresters.

Walkerville, Ont. St. Mary's church. This village owes its name and origin to Mr. Walker, the founder and successful operator of the widely-known distillery of this place, which has reached enormous dimensions, and gives employment to an army of men. The village is situated something over a mile above the city of Windsor, on the Detroit river, is regularly laid out with many

streets, upon which are built hundreds of excellent dwellings, many of them of fine architecture and solid and artistic construction, tenanted by a sober and industrious population, which prides itself on its thrift and good behaviour, and its appreciation of good literature and the liberal arts and sciences. Among the inhabitants a variety of denominations are represented. It is accessible by both steam and electric railways, and by a constant steam ferry service from Detroit, of which there is an excellent view. The drive along the river bank in summer is beautiful in itself, while an additional interest is given to it by the many stately ships which glide up and down and animate its waters, in company with the many skiffs and other small craft which ever and anon emerge from the numerous boat-houses which dot the bank, and afford so much pleasure for the many summer and other adjacent residents for a long distance up the river.

The religious conscience of the people of Walkerville is not, as many good people might suppose, judging by their premises, in a dormant or inactive state. On the contrary it is in a robust condition and generously responsive to what suggests itself to them as the Divine teaching, and upon which their faith relies. According to Mr. Walker, in about the year 1872, built a church for the community with the idea that it should be inter-denominational. The Methodists were those who made most use of it in the beginning, but it appears that their narrowness soon made it an uncongenial place for them, and they withdrew, thus leaving an opening for others, the Rev. John Hurst, rector of Windsor, started a mission here and held afternoon services for some time. The Rev. Dr. Caulfield, his successor, continued these services until the year 1874, when St. Mary's church and that of the "Irish Settlement," East Sandwich (St. Stephen's), were united to form a joint and distinct mission. The Rev. N. H. Martin was appointed the first incumbent, 31st May, 1874. The first vestry meeting was held on the 15th June following, when a Mr. Stebbins was appointed the clergyman's warden, and Capt. Henry Jenkins, people's warden. Mr. Martin remained incumbent until November, 1878. He was succeeded by the Rev. J. R. Jones, formerly rector of Christ church, Belleville, Ont. The latter resigning, was succeeded by a Mr. Turquand, a student, who was placed temporarily in charge, and being subsequently ordained, was duly appointed the incumbent on the 5th September, 1880, which office he held until 31st December, 1882. He was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Cluff, who resigned on 7th December, 1884, and was followed by the Rev. James Ashton, who resigned after six months' service. The Rev. Thomas Watson was then appointed to the parish, in which he continued as incumbent until July, 1887. In his time St. Mary's church was repainted inside and out, the seats were cushioned, the floor was carpeted, and a furnace with steam pipes was duly installed. He was succeeded by the Rev. John Holmes, now of Burford, on 1st July, 1887, who continued his pastorate here until 15th June, 1893, when he resigned. He was followed by the Rev. F. R. Ghent, who was the first to be appointed rector of the parish—it having now become self-supporting. The work which had been so well begun was now continued with energy, his ability as a preacher and his popular mode of address winning him much favour. Various parochial organizations were introduced or continued from the times of his predecessors, such as the W.A.M.A., the Ladies' Aid, the Parish Club, all of which number a large membership, taking into consideration the total number of parishioners. The Sunday school, most important, as the nursery of the church, is large and in a flourishing condition, there being beside the superintendent an excellent staff of teachers. St. Mary's church, Walkerville, a name chosen in honour of the late Mrs. Walker, whose estimable character and benevolent disposition, and the love of the founder of the church for his wife, caused him to select the name of the Blessed Virgin, whose name she bore, as the name of the church, was built in the year 1872, at the sole charge of the Messrs. Walker themselves. Its structure is quaint and

unique, and was evidently not adapted at first for the special requirements of the ritual of the Church of England, though at present it lends itself to them very well when reduced to its simplest form. It is of red brick and consists of chancel, nave and tower and basement, the structure being well supported by high buttresses upon the walls. The tower, which rises at the centre of the west gable, is terminated in the form of a mansard roof with ornamental finials of iron. The basement is spacious and is adapted to the requirements of the Sunday school and other parochial uses. More recently the congregation themselves have spent a considerable sum upon the church, while the Messrs. Walker have spent about \$3,000 on the nave and chancel, make a great improvement. An excellent organ, having two manuals, was generously presented to the church by Mrs. J. H. Walker. The whole church was carpeted by Mrs. Frank Walker. The chancel consists of a portion of the nave, which is raised one step from the main floor, having three choir seats, antiphonally disposed at either end. Between the choir seats and under the east window, is the sanctuary, raised one step higher than the rest of the chancel, and railed off in the form of a segment of an octagon. Within the rails is a beautifully constructed altar, having three front panels, of which the central one bears a plain Latin cross in relief, while the other two panels are adorned in a corresponding manner with the symbolic letters Alpha and Omega respectively. The altar is surmounted by the text, on the east wall, "Holy, Holy, Holy," in gilt letters. The walls are decorated with neat stenciled work and are frescoed. The interior of the church is open to the roof, which is panelled off in large blue tinted and stenciled bordered panels between the rafters. These latter are sustained by ornamental corbelled arches, extending half way down the walls. The vestibule is a portion of the nave, comprising all the space under the west gallery, the latter being protected by a massive panelled railing with perforations which form a St. Andrew's cross. There are two doors to the vestibule, each facing one of the alleys down the nave. The church has a seating capacity for about 300 people. It is lighted by a series of double mullioned Gothic windows, the east window being a triple one with stained glass. The organ is placed against the east wall, south of the sanctuary. This property has not yet been deeded to the Synod, and may never be, as it is said it is in contemplation to build a more suitable structure upon a more eligible site at some future time. Meanwhile the Messrs. Walker deserve the thanks of the Church at large for their generous support of the Church and the facilities they have so kindly placed at her disposal for conducting her work.

We may appropriately conclude this sketch with a few words in regard to the present rector, Frederick Robert Ghent was born in the city of Hamilton on the 9th of March, in the year 1862. He is the son of S. H. Ghent, Esq., who has been for so many years the respected clerk of the County Court of the County of Wentworth. He was educated in a Public school, and in the Collegiate Institute of that city, and studied law in the office of Messrs. Mackelcan, Gibson and Bell, barristers, of Hamilton. He subsequently studied divinity at Huron College, London, and after completing his course he was admitted to the diaconate by the Right Rev. Maurice S. Baldwin, D.D., Lord Bishop of Huron, on Trinity Sunday, in the year 1890, at St. George's church, Goderich, and was ordained priest by him at St. James' church, London South, on the 24th of May in the following year. His first appointment was to the mission of Paisley and Pinkerton, where he remained one year and nine months as incumbent. His next charge was the mission of Granton, where he continued his labours during the same length of time, fulfilling his duties faithfully, and in these missions the writer has had occasion to know how well his labours have been spoken of, the people regretting his departure when, on the 15th June, 1893, he received his appointment as first rector of St. Mary's church, Walkerville. May his success continue ad maiorem Dei gloriam!